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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Canceled)
  
2. (Currently Amended) A system for pruning an article, comprising:  
 a processor circuit having a processor and a memory; and  
 an original article comprising an amount of text;  
 article pruning logic stored on the memory and executable by the  
 processor, the article pruning logic comprising logic to automatically reduce a length  
 of the original article to fit within a predefined space allocation of a publication  
 comprising:  
     logic to create a pruning copy of the original article to be  
 reduced;  
     logic to remove an amount of text from the pruning copy,  
 thereby creating a reduced pruning copy, wherein an amount of text in the  
 reduced pruning copy is less than the amount of text in the original article; and  
     logic to determine an informational adequacy of the text of the  
 reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article.
  
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to  
 remove an amount of text from the pruning copy further comprises logic to remove a  
 last paragraph of the pruning copy.

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4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to determine the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article further comprises:

logic to obtain a first value measuring ~~a nature of a~~ the content of the original article by performing an analysis of the content of the original article;

logic to obtain a second value measuring ~~a nature of a~~ the content of the reduced pruning copy by performing an analysis of the content of the reduced pruning copy; and

logic to compare a ratio of the first value to the second value to a predefined threshold ratio.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to automatically reduce the length of the original article further comprises logic to discard the original article if the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy is insufficient to publish.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to automatically reduce the length of the original article further comprises logic to include the reduced pruning copy in a publication if the informational adequacy of the reduced pruning copy is sufficient to publish.

7. (Previously Presented) A system for pruning an original article comprising an amount of text, comprising:

means for creating a pruning copy of the original article to be reduced;

means for removing an amount of text from the pruning copy, thereby creating a reduced pruning copy having an amount of text that is less than the amount of text of the original article; and

means for determining an information adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article.

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8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for removing an amount of text from the pruning copy further comprises means for removing a last paragraph of the pruning copy.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for determining an information adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article further comprises:

means for obtaining a first value measuring ~~a nature of a~~ the content of the original article by performing an analysis of the content of the original article;

means for obtaining a second value measuring ~~a nature of a~~ the content of the pruning copy by performing an analysis of the content of the pruning copy; and

means for comparing a ratio of the first value to the second value to a predefined threshold ratio.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising means for discarding the original article if the informational adequacy of the reduced pruning copy is insufficient to publish.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising means for including the reduced pruning copy in a publication if the informational adequacy of the reduced pruning copy is sufficient to publish.

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13. (Previously Presented) A method for pruning an article comprising the steps of:

storing the original article in a memory of the computer system;

creating a pruning copy of the original article to be reduced;

storing the pruning copy in the memory;

removing an amount of text from the pruning copy, thereby creating a reduced pruning copy having an amount of text that is less than the amount of text of the original article; and

determining an information adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of removing an amount of text from the pruning copy further comprises the step of removing a last paragraph of the pruning copy.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of determining an information adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article further comprises the steps of:

obtaining a first value measuring ~~a nature of a~~ the content of the original article by performing an analysis of the content of the original article;

obtaining a second value measuring ~~a nature of a~~ the content of the pruning copy by performing an analysis of the content of the pruning copy; and

comparing a ratio of the first value to the second value to a predefined threshold ratio.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of discarding the original article the informational adequacy of the reduced pruning copy is insufficient to publish.

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17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of including the reduced pruning copy in a publication if the informational adequacy of the reduced pruning content is sufficient to publish.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to determine the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article further comprises logic to employ a clustering tool to compare a content of the reduced pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine if the reduced pruning copy clusters with the original article, thereby indicating the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising means for employing a clustering tool to compare a content of the reduced pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine if the reduced pruning copy clusters with the original article, thereby indicating the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of determining an information adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article further comprises the step of employing a clustering tool to compare a content of the reduced pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine if the reduced pruning copy clusters with the original article, thereby indicating the informational adequacy of the text of the reduced pruning copy relative to the text of the original article.